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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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RONALD VENTURA, :

Plaintiff, : 07 Civ. 6677(JFK)

-against- : STIPULATION AND ORDER

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., MERRILL  
LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC.,  
and HENRY BLODGET, :

Defendants. :  
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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the undersigned  
counsel for the parties hereto that defendants' time to answer, move or otherwise respond to the  
complaint is extended to and including October 1, 2007. Defendants' time to answer, move or  
otherwise respond currently expires August 20, 2007 and no previous request for an extension of  
time has been made.

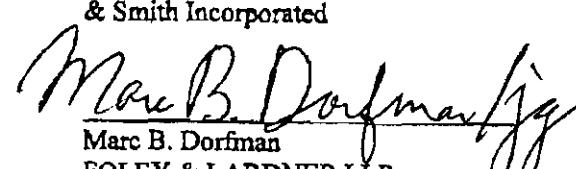
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SO ORDERED:

  
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U.S.D.J.  
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